

For 1920

# MINUTES

of the

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

## Harmony Baptist Association

HELD WITH MT. CARMEL CHURCH,  
OCTOBER 8-9-10, 1920.

### NEXT PLACE OF MEETING:

Mt. Zion Church, Leake County,  
Seven Miles North of Sebastopol.

### OFFICERS:

REV. R. B. GUNTER.....Moderator

REV. P. C. BARNETT.....Clerk and Treasurer

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## **PROCEEDINGS.**

### **FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.**

**October 8, 1920:**

The Harmony Baptist Association met in her Seventieth Annual Session with Mt. Carmel Baptist church, Leake county, Miss.

After devotional services led by Rev. G. W. Nutt, the Moderator, T. G. Ward, called the body to order. On motion of Rev. Jno. Thompson, the following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the following named brethren constitute the Nominating Committee of this Association and that their duties shall be as follows, C. H. Chamblee, S. A. Moore, O. H. Barnett.

First, Report the time and place of the next meeting of the Association.

Second, Report the preacher to preach the introductory sermon and his alternate.

Third, Report the names of all standing committees for the next session and their work.

Fourth, Report the messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, and his alternate; call upon the churches for his railroad expenses, exact of the said messenger a report of his representation, otherwise make no nomination.

Fifth, Any other item not here mentioned may be inserted.

The body then proceeded to organize by electing Rev. R. B. Gunter Moderator and Rev. P. C. Barnett, Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, and Rev. M. K. Thornton was given time

to address the Association in the interest of the "Baptist Hospital."

According to previous arrangements, Rev. Jno. Thompson preached the introductory sermon: Subject, "The Seven Pillars of the Church of Christ," text, Prov. 9:1.

On motion, the Association adjourned one and one-half hours for dinner.

### **FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.**

The body was called to order promptly at 2 P. M. by Moderator R. B. Gunter, and after song and prayer, led by Rev. A. M. Langston, business was resumed.

On motion of Rev. G. W. Nutt, the regular business was suspended and Dr. J. B. Lawrence was asked to address the Association. The Moderator called for petitionary letters. None presented. Brethren, Dr. J. W. Lyle, Rev. L. M. Fairchild and D. J. Britt were appointed committee on digest of letters.

### **Correspondence.**

The following brethren were seated as corresponding messengers, to-wit: Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Convention Board; Rev. M. K. Thornton, Baptist Hospital; Rev. H. T. McLaurin, Bay Springs Association, and Rev. Luther Comens, Mt. Pisgah Association.

### **Correspondence Returned.**

Resolved, That any member of this body is hereby authorized to represent us in any body of Baptists.

The Moderator appointed R. H. Wiggins, pastor, and deacons, of this church to arrange preaching during the session.

On motion of Rev. Jno. Thompson, the name of this Association was changed from "Harmony Baptist Association" to "Leake County Baptist Association".

The report on Publications was read by Brother M. P. Hendrick, and discussed by Brethren M. P. Hendrick, G. W. Nutt, A. M. Langston and adopted.

### **Publications.**

Your Committee begs leave to make the following report:

We publish a series of Sunday school literature, a B. Y. P. U. Quarterly, a Womans' Missionary Union paper, a Mission Journal, and a state paper, the Orphanage Gem, and possibly others. Our Sunday school publishing house, located at Nashville, Tenn., is owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Convention. The magazines, quarterlies, and other publications issued by this Board are in every detail adopted to the various needs of our Sunday school work. The Home and Foreign field pictures the work that is being done both at home and abroad. On January 1, 1919, the Baptist Record became the property of the Baptists of Mississippi. It has a larger paid-up circulation than ever in its history. Its usefulness and power can be doubled by the co-operation of the churches.

For necessary information and a proper cultivation of a missionary spirit, we recommend the reading of Home and Foreign Field and Royal Service. Our Sunday school quarterlies should be used by every Baptist Sunday school. We further recommend to the churches of this Association the neces-

sity of having a copy of The Record in every Baptist family. The religious paper is the field-glass through which we watch the world's spiritual movements and discern how the battle goes. We are participants in a campaign for world conquest and have no right to be slackers. The religious paper is the greatest light bearer against the world rulers of darkness. No man and no church can do his or its part without it. M. P. HENDRICK.

On motion, the body adjourned untill 8:30 A. M. to-morrow.

### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 8:30 A. M., Amazing Grace was sung and Dr. J. W. W. Lyle led in prayer.

The Association was then called to order by T. G. Ward, Moderator protem; and minutes of previous day read and approved.

On motion of Rev. G. W. Nutt, the Constitution and By-Laws were ordered printed in the minutes.

On motion of Rev. Jno. Thompson the following resolutions were adopted:

To The Leake County Association—Dear Brethren: Whereas, There is a sentence in the "Report On Nominations," by the Committee of this Association, printed in the minutes of her session, October, 1919, page 5, which may be, and has been construed as a reflection upon the character of service rendered by our representative of the State Mission Board, Brother C. H. Chamblee, whether the said reflection was intended or not, which sentence reads as follows: "and G. W. Nutt as one member of the Convention Board, if the former member's time has expired," which former member's time does not ex-

pire until 1921, and should have been known by any committee of three brethren before so reporting, else they should not have so reported; therefore be it

Resolved, That, 1st, The Leake County Association, in session October, 1920, does hereby express her regret that Brother Chamblee has been the subject of such a reflection, and assures him that if the said report had been submitted to this Association for action, which it was not, then at least, by a majority of the messengers present, it would have been surely voted to a just defeat. Be it

Resolved, That 2nd, we give expression to our belief and confidence in our representative, Brother C. H. Chamblee, believing that to be the best of his ability, he has rendered as efficient service to the Harmony Association as any other representative would have been capable of, and that in keeping with further service, we pledge to him our prayerful, hearty support and co-operation.

Resolved, That, 3rd, We most earnestly request the Moderator of the Association to use competent brethren for his service, who shall keep us out of such glaring errors as the one to which attention is called.

Respectfully,

JNO. THOMPSON.

The report on Prohibition was read by Dr. J. W. W. Lyle and discussed by Dr. Lyle, Rev. Jno. Thompson, et. al., and adopted

### **Prohibition.**

Since the 18th Amendment to the Constitution has been ratified, national prohibition is a fact; therefore, we should now turn our attention to law

enforcement to stop the illicit manufacture and sale of intoxicating stuff.

We believe resolutions should be passed commending the two great political parties for their platform stand on this question; also Governor Cox for his statement that he would oppose any measure that is in conflict with the 18th Amendment.

J. W. W. LYLE.

On motion, Brethren G. W. Nutt, D. J. Britt and Jno. Thompson were appointed committee to write resolutions in regard to the foregoing report.

Rev. G. W. Nutt read the report on State Missions. The report was referred back to committee to be condensed for publication.

The report on Home Missions was read by Rev. Jno. Thompson and the report on Foreign Missions was read by Brother E. W. Barnett and the report on Baptist Seventy-Five Million Campaign was read by P. C. Barnett.

Pending the adoption of foregoing reports the body adjourned for dinner.

## **SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.**

After devotional services the discussion of the foregoing reports was resumed.

On Motion, Rev. R. B. Gunter was asked to discuss the Seventy-Five Million Campaign at 11 o'clock A. M. Sunday, and the report of Committee on same was adopted.

The report on Nominations was read by Brother S. A. Moore and adopted, and \$54 was pledged by the messengers to bear the expense of the Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention and the churches are

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hereby requested to send a like sum to the Association next year for this purpose.

### **Report on Nominations.**

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend that the next meeting of the Association be held with Mt. Zion church.

We further recommend that R. B. Gunter be sent as messenger to Southern Baptist Convention with G. W. Nutt as his alternate. Further, That R. B. Gunter be elected to preach introductory sermon, with T. G. Ward as alternate.

To read the reports on the various subjects, we recommend the following:

General Missions—Jno. Thompson.

Womens' Work—Mrs. M. M. Hendrick.

Baptist Hospital—G. W. Nutt.

Publications—L. A. McKey.

Orphanage—Dr. J. W. W. Lyle.

Sunday Schools—B. J. Barnett.

Training Our Children for Service—Birdie Chadwick.

Prohibition—T. G. Ward.

Christian Education—M. P. Hendrick.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. CHAMBLEE.

S. A. MOORE.

The report on Christian Education was read by Rev. R. B. Gunter, discussed by Brethren R. B. Gunter, J. L. McMillon, G. W. Nutt, and adopted.

### **Christian Education.**

By Christian Education, in the Southern Baptist Convention, we mean that instruction given and re-

ceived in schools owned and controlled by the Baptist denomination. Some of these, such as seminaries, are owned and controlled by the Southern Baptist Convention at large. Colleges and academies are owned and operated in the main, by State Conventions. Some mountain schools are partly supported by the Home Board.

The purpose of these schools is to furnish training in both body, mind and soul. The distinguishing feature between these schools and the state schools is that the former seeks the salvation of the soul, the development of the Christian life and the training of the student for religious service. In the schools he gets a vision of the field of labor and is shown his relation to God and to his fellowman. For the ideal of the Christian school is not materialistic, but spiritual.

Our present possessions are encouraging. Baptist schools in the United States number 298, with 75,723 students; more students than are enrolled in the schools of any other denomination. The money invested in these schools is more than the amount found in any other Protestant schools. Of the \$75,000,000 subscribed in the recent campaign, \$20,000,000 will be used in Christian Education. Of this \$20,000,000, \$3,000,000 will go to South-wide institutions, such as Seminaries and Training Schools. \$17,000,000 will be used by the states for their respective school work.

Mississippi Baptists own and operate Mississippi College, the Womens' College, Blue Mountain, and Clarke Memorial College. The first has enrolled more than 330 students this session, the second, 500; the third, 300; and the fourth over 100.

The value of the college property is about \$1,-250,000. The prospects are good for Blue Mountain to receive \$200,000 for endowment. \$100,000 has been promised for next year. Another similar amount is pledged in a will. But the needs are not more than half met. Blue Mountain has turned away more than one hundred girls because all space is taken. The Woman's College has turned off two hundred and fifty. Mississippi College is not equipped for the work which should be done and Clarke College is greatly held down by her meager equipment. With these facts staring us in the face, our duty should be clear. We must preach Christian Education until our people come to look upon it as an essential in the life of our denomination, as much needed in the life of a nation as bread is needed for the body.

We, your Committee, therefore recommend:

1. That our pastors preach frequently on the subject of Christian Education.
2. That every church carry out the program provided by the Sunday-School Board for the last Sunday in June each year.
3. That we use our influence in turning our boys and girls to Baptist schools.
4. That we push the collection of all pledges, and obtain new ones.

Respectfully,

W. B. GUNTER, Committee.

The report on Ministerial Relief was read by Rev. T. G. Ward, and adopted.

#### **Ministerial Relief.**

Your Committee on Ministerial Relief, begs to submit the following:

We believe that the minister, who has come to his day of retirement or who, for any reason, has become disabled, is in every way worthy of our sympathy, prayer and financial support. The same is true of their widows and orphan children. These men and women were faithful to God and His cause in the midst of the greatest sacrifices in laying the foundation for the work of Christ in this state, and surely they should receive our hearty support in their declining years. Other Christian Organizations are far ahead of us in this department of work and in the discharge of this Christian obligation. Even railroads and some other business and worldly institutions care for their old and faithful employees. We should not only strive to emulate these, but we should furnish our old heroes of the faith, the support they so richly deserve.

The new Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, which is located at Dallas, Texas, has taken over the work formerly done in our State, and is succeeding well. The stipends paid the Mississippi beneficiaries have been increased 45 per cent since the Relief and Annuity Board took over the work. The beneficiaries are now being paid by-monthly instead of quarterly, as formerly, and are receiving from \$12 to \$18 per month.

The Board, besides providing a Relief Fund, has established also an Annuity Fund. This Fund embodies a contributory pension idea, which permits ministers, by making regular annual, semi-annual or quarterly payments, to provide in part for their own day and disability. For the minister who has become disabled, at any time after becoming a member of the fund, the plan provides a disability annuity benefit.

It is well worth while for all our brethren in the ministry to investigate this Annuity Fund, and see if it will not be wisdom on their part to thus look after the future of his own household.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. ODEM.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Dr. Ingram, discussed by Rev. G. W. Nutt and adopted.

### **Report on Woman's Work.**

Your Committee on Woman's Work begs to submit the following:

There has been no year in the history of the Woman's Missionary Union like unto this year. God's smile of approval upon the plans and purposes of His handmaidens to carry out their part of the work that pertains to the advancement of His Kingdom, has been most evident.

There has never been a year like unto this year in which the women have shown their interest in the advancement of his kingdom by the expression of their desire for information. Mission study classes have been organized in more than three-fourths of the societies. Certificates and seals have been granted to approximately 800 women, 500 young women, 50 boys and girls and 14 sunbeams. It is recommended that this fiscal year which ends May 1, we attempt to have an average of ten members in a mission study class in each organization in the state.

Our women have shown their interests in the advancement of His kingdom by the number of organizations for young people. At the Southern Baptist Convention of Washington, Mississippi was given two banners, for having made the greatest per cent increase during the year in the number of Sunbeam

Bands and Girl's Auxiliaries. No society can now attain the standard excellence that has not at least one of the auxiliaries. Hence it is urged—not for this reason, but rather because of the great need of our young people receiving mission information— it is urged that each church foster the auxiliaries.

The Seventy-Five Million Campaign has perhaps meant more to the Woman's Missionary Union than any other plan of work that has ever been attempted. Women have realized as never before, their duty as stewards and that their greatest stewardship is rendered by service. However, the fulfillment of all pledges is the ideal of every Baptist woman's heart. And each organization feels constrained to urge the fulfillment of not only the pledges of the women and children; but of the entire church.

Among the phases of Personal Service that are undertaken this year are, 1st, the sending of four girls to our colleges for the purpose of preparing them to enter the Training School later and then to take up mission work. 2nd, the preparation of hospital supplies in the shape of bandages, towels, garments, etc., to be sent to a hospital in China. It is recommended that all pastors and brethren everywhere, help those women in the Lord, who serve under and with them, in carrying out these two projects.

More and more it is realized that family religion is a crying need of the day, therefore, societies everywhere are urged to make a special effort to secure the erection of as many family altars as possible. Again the brethren are urged to co-operate with the women in the homes and in the churches in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

On motion, Mrs. P. C. Barnett was elected vice-president of W. M. U. for this Association.

The report on Orphanage was read by P. C. Barnett in lieu of A. M. Langston. Adopted.

### **Report on the Baptist Orphanage.**

For twenty years or more the Baptists of Mississippi have maintained and operated a home for helpless orphan children, believing this to be a christian duty.

From the blessed results of the twenty years work, we are convinced that the orphanage work is a work well pleasing unto Him who said "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

More than a thousand children have been cared for and trained up into usefulness since the establishment of our home. Many have gone out into the world for themselves and are filling useful positions and are proving themselves good citizens and good home-makers. We commend this work most heartily to the people of our churches and recommend that since the orphanage is provided for in a financial way by the \$75,000,000 movement, that the people of our churches and Sunday schools in this Association shall see to it that boxes of clothing and barrels and bags of produce of all kinds, together with canned fruit, corn, peas and molasses be sent in in abundance.

I am informed by the superintendent that they are shorter of clothing and canned goods of all kinds this year than they have been in many years, and that they are buying molasses now for the first time in ten years.

Let us remember the orphan children liberally out of the things that the Lord has permitted to us. We learn that the health of the children has been good during the year, they have just passed through an epidemic of small-pox, but by intelligent care and good management, only about sixteen out of one hundred and sixty children had the small-pox, they are all well and sound, leaving not even the marks of the disease upon them.

Let the church in this Association prepare and ship to Rev. J. R. Carter a box containing all the things that our orphan children will need that we can spare and in our daily devotion let us remember the children and the management.

A. M. LANGSTON.

On motion, J. L. McMillon was requested to write report on Sunday School in lieu of N. F. Wallace.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 9 A. M. Sunday. At 7:30 P. M. Rev. G. W. Nutt preached from II Cor. 5:7. Subject, "The Development of the Neglected Gift."

### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9 A. M. Sunday, the body re-assembled, and after devotional service led by Brother M. P. Hendrick, business was taken up.

Rev. Jno. Thompson read resolutions on Prohibition as arranged for Saturday. Adopted.

#### **Resolutions of Leake County Baptist Association.**

The Leake County Baptist Association, in session with the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Edinburg, Miss., October 8-10, 1920, expressed her gratitude to God for the special blessing and rich benefit of the 18th

Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, that prohibits every citizen in her bounds, manufacturing, selling, or using in any form whatever, any and all kinds of liquors or ingredients of the same in their nature as an intoxicating beverage; also, for the enactment and enforcement of laws that look to the prosecution of any and all violators of the said laws, in any and all forms, in the bounds of the United States of America, as the only means of the protection of our homes—this great country at large that God holds every citizen responsible for, by His law of civic righteousness. Therefore be it

Resolved, First, that the Leake County Baptist Association in session, does hereby call upon every member of every church constituting this body, and every friend of civic righteousness, to give to the aforesaid Constitution and laws, their best and most hearty influence and energetic co-operation, to the maintenance of the said Constitution and laws to the surpression of what we know to be wilful lawlessness that is being perpetrated in Leake and adjoining counties, by the manufacture, sale and use of poisonous, venomous, intoxicating, destroying liquors, that is stealing gradually the life of not only the adult manhood of our country, but also, is robbing our county of the talent and life of our precious boys, who some day ought to be the citizens upon whom this great republic must depend. Be it

Resolved, Second, That, we call especially upon the officers of our county, from the constable to the judge, that, in keeping with their sworn oath, to be loyal to, and serve the law-abiding constituency of the county, they put forth their very best efforts to drive out of our county, the infamous, illicit, blind-

tiger, whiskey business, by bringing to the courts, and the law, any and all violators of the same; against which there is almost a universal cry and condemnation of. Be it

Resolved, Third, That, we request the publication of these very respectful resolutions in our county paper, The Carthaginian, and pledge ourselves to all that we here append by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. THOMPSON.

G. W. NUTT.

D. J. BRITT, Committee.

The report on Digest of Letters was read by Dr. J. W. W. Lyle. Adopted.

### Report on Digest of Letters.

We, your Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

Pastor's Salary (Paid) .....	\$2 179 77
Pastor's Salary (Promised) .....	2 361 50
Increase in Membership .....	115
Decrease in Membership .....	126
Total Membership .....	1,549
Orphanage .....	2 80
Christian Education .....	
Ministerial Relief .....	
Hospital .....	
Visiting Ministers .....	388 70
Minute Fund .....	70 85
Incidentals .....	32 55
Other Objects .....	191 13
Building and Repairs .....	246 04
Churches Represented .....	21

Seventy-five Million Pledges.....	18 569 65
Seventy-five Million Pledges (Paid).....	2 831 50
Value Church Property.....	12 005 00

LYLE, FAIRCHILD, BEAMAN, Committee.

The report on Hospitals was read by Rev. W. M. Parkes, discussed by Brethren W. M. Parkes, G. W. Nutt, Jno. Thompson et. al., and adopted.

### Report on Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

The Mississippi Baptist Hospital at Jackson is filling a long felt want among our people. Through it we are carrying on a part of the work of our Saviour. He "went about . . . teaching . . . preaching . . . healing." He healed by a word or by a touch. We heal through the skill of a physician and the tender ministrations of a nurse. There are no better physicians and surgeons than we have at Jackson. They are skilled and painstaking in their work. The unanimous verdict is that they cannot be surpassed in the South.

There are about 20 young ladies in training as student nurses. They are of the highest type young ladies. After three years of work and study in the hospital they go out as graduate nurses to bless suffering humanity.

Attention is given to the religious side of life, both among the patients and employees. The superintendent moves freely through the hospital and where he feels it well, he has prayer with the sick and always speaks a word of cheer and encouragement to the patients. He gives one evening a week to a Bible study and prayer with the employees. The hospital is a religious institution as well as a place where the sick can be treated and nursed back to health.

This year has been a good year every way. From January to August, 609 patients had come and gone from the hospital. Of this number, 75 were charity. Only six of this large number died. The income from the patients during this time was a little the rise of \$21,000. This about met all the expenses including a little more than \$2,000, devoted to charity. The charity patients get the same treatment as the pay patients except that they occupy the wards.

In view of the warm place the hospital has in the hearts and lives of our people, we would recommend:

1. That we all meet our obligations to the Seventy-five Million Fund so that our hospital may have its needed buildings and equipment and may continue to enlarge its usefulness.

2. That we patronize our own hospital when we have to send our loved ones off for treatment.

3. That we remember to pray for the hospital and its employees that they may all have grace to meet their high responsibilities.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted:

#### **Resolution.**

Be it Resolved, First, That the Leake County Baptist Association hereby extends her thanks to Mt. Carmel Church and vicinity for the generous hospitality shown the delegates and visitors while here. Second, That the Clerk be instructed to prepare and have printed a sufficient number of minutes for dis- have printed a sufficient number of minutes for dis- Clerk be allowed \$15 out of the treasury for his services

On motion, the time of meeting next year to be Friday, 10 A. M., before second Sunday in October.

On motion, Mrs. M. P. Hendrick was appointed to write report on Woman's Work next year.

On motion, Camden church was granted a letter of dismission.

It now being 11 o'clock, business was suspended, while Rev. R. B. Gunter preached, his subject being "Witnessing for Christ," in which he discussed the Seventy-five Million campaign. Text, Acts 1:8.

On motion, the body took a recess for dinner.

### **THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.**

Promptly at 1:30 the body re-assembled. "Higher Ground" was sung, and Brother S. A. Moore led in prayer. The Moderator then called the house to order for business. The report on Sunday School was read by J. L. McMillon, discussed by Brethren J. L. McMillon, R. B. Gunter, Jno. Thompson, et. al., and adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Mt. Zion Baptist church, Friday, at 10 o'clock A. M., before second Sunday in October, 1921.

REV. R. B. GUNTER, Moderator.

REV. P. C. BARNETT, Secretary and Treasurer.

### **Finance Committee.**

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report that we have collected and turned in to the Treasurer associational expenses \$78.85, for State Missions \$2.80, for Foreign \$2.85 and for Home Missions \$0.50.

M. P. HENDRICK.

### **Treasurer's Report.**

G. W. Nutt, in account with Harmony Association:

**Receipts—**

October 26, Received from former clerk for  
 1918 ..... \$68 24  
 October 26, Received from churches in 1919... 94 55

Total ..... \$162 79

**Disbursements—**

Sent to J. B. Lawrence ..... \$ 55 60  
 Paid Clerk ..... 15 00  
 Paid M. M. Keith for printing ..... 32 44  
 Paid T. G. Ward expenses to S. B. C. .... 59 00  
 Postage ..... 20

Total ..... \$162 24

Balance on hand, 55 cents.

**Report of Enrollment Committee.****Roll of churches and messengers:**

Bethel, R. A. Ashcroft, J. R. Scott; Camden;  
 Carthage, R. B. Gunter, J. L. McMillon; Cedar  
 Grove, Z. T. Dumas; Centerhill; Cross Roads,  
 Robert Hawthorn and wife; Friendship, T. G. Ward,  
 M. P. Hendricks, G. W. Nutt, J. W. W. Lyle, W. M.  
 Bell, S. A. Moore, Rod Slay, Freeney, W. M. Parkes;  
 Good Hope (L) R. H. Wiggins; Good Hope (M); Mt.  
 Carmel, Y. A. Ward, Joe McCorkle, W. B. Hooper;  
 Mt. Zion, W. T. Thomas, W. W. Brantley, G. E.  
 Gunter, A. M. Thomas; Midway, C. H. Hazary, J.  
 Edwards, Mrs. M. F. Phillips; New Hope, G. C. Ellis,  
 C. F. Reeves; New Providence, W. T. Pearson; Pleas-  
 ant Grove, J. P. Davis, R. J. Johnson, Bryan Davies;  
 Pleasant Hill; Plymouth, J. H. Brooks, L. Brooks, Mrs.  
 C. N. Chamblee; Rock Point, J. C. Reed and wife,  
 James Horn; Salem, C. L. Barnett; Springfield, Wiley  
 Chamblee, D. O. Bryan; Standing Pine, E. W. Barnett,  
 M. O. Wright, A. M. Langston; Stump Bridge; Thomas-

town, Jno. Thompson; Tuscola, W. C. Lindsay and wife, Bob Denson; Walnut Grove, Z. T. Oxner, L. A. McKea, D. J. Britt, Wake Forest.

### Home Missions.

Home Missions appeal to us as a work that is between what is considered by some people, the two extremes of mission work enthusiasm, which is, State and Foreign Mission work, that especially considers the need of the States, and large cities in them, rather than local churches and bounded Associations, which seems to some to be the work of Associational and State Boards. And yet it is true that because of the existence of these mission boards referred to, there is going on a wonderful, successful, co-operative mission work in the bounds of the "Field which is the world," that commands our admiration and gratitude to God for what is being done at large through the admissible instrumentalities that God designed and allows in the great and responsible work of preaching the gospel to every creature.

The Home Mission Board, in keeping with funds and forces has been doing with all her might the amount of mission work we have allowed to be done to the present, no more, no less, and it remains for us to say how much more or how much less shall be done or not done in keeping with our Lord's commission, commanded to us and His promise to be with us to the end.

Great has been the success of the work in the seventy-five years of the existence of the Home Mission Board, and yet in the past eight years, it has been phenomenal, to such an extent that we have outstripped the former sixty-seven years of work by \$2,000,-

000 in contributions to this work. We have equaled the past by the appointment of 10,770 missionaries. We have more than equaled the past by the occupancy of 25,094 preaching stations. We have almost equaled the first in the reception of members by baptizing 255,510, and have organized 1,347 churches, to the glory of our risen Lord.

In the past conventional year, the missionaries, the evangelist and general co-workers of the Home Board have baptized into the fellowship of Baptist churches, one out of every four members uniting with us, and in further proof of the success of Baptist Home Mission Work, for a number of years, the missionaries of our Home Mission Board, have baptized from four to six times as many converts as those of any other Home Mission Board in America, or in the world. Since the creation of the Evangelistic Department, these workers have averaged approximately 450 baptisms per worker per year.

That we may come to the measure of our ability and obey the commands of our Lord, there must be on the part of the churches of this Association an increased interest in the work of Home Missions, which interest should resolve itself into a scriptural slogan—America for Christ through the gospel, and in keeping with what we say, put forth our hands—all our strength to do that which is made possible to us.

Respectfully submitted,  
JNO. THOMPSON.

#### **STATE MISSIONS.**

**Evangelistic Campaign.** We want to call especial attention to our Evangelistic Campaign which is a part of our enlistment and educational mission work.

In the campaign this year we have had the most enthusiastic co-operation of the churches and pastors. Out of the 1,600 churches in Mississippi we had—listed in our office 1,200 meetings. When we remember that at least 200 of our town and city churches hold their meetings in the fall and winter, it will be seen that we had meetings listed this year from practically every church in the state. Up to September 1st we had received reports from 585 meetings, which showed 7,068 additions. Taking this as a guide, the campaign should result in over 12,000 additions to the churches. Never before in our history have we been able to make such a showing as this. The Lord be praised.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That our State Mission work be kept before our people; that our pastors preach on it; that tracts be distributed among the members and the Baptist Record, which is a part of our work and which carries information concerning State Mission work, be put in the homes of the members either on the club plan or on the budget plan.
2. That our churches be requested to consider the advisability of co-operating with one another in the formation of fields so that more efficient pastoral work may be done in the country districts.
3. That whatever possible, country churches should consider the advisability of building pastors homes and locating their pastors among them.
4. That we commend the evangelistic campaign as conducted this year by the State Convention Board and recommend that a similar campaign be carried on each year.
5. We recommend that Evangelism be made the key word in all of our enlistment and denominational work and that whatever we do shall revolve around the larger and primary task reaching the lost with the gospel of Christ.
6. We suggest that our pastors call attention to our work among Baptist students in State institu-

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tions, urging upon the Baptist young men and women who attend these institutions to co-operate with our student secretary in every way possible.

#### COMMITTEE.

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The statistics of the Foreign Mission Board, published May, 1920, show we have 542 churches on foreign lands, one-fourth of which are self-supporting, more than half of which worship in houses owned either by the Board or by these churches. 6,834 were baptized during 1919, the largest number ever reported in a single year. The total membership has now reached 57,438. These native churches contributed last year \$242,460, which represents a gift of \$4.22 per member. This is a good showing, when compared with the per capita gifts by Southern Baptists. The report of May, 1919, shows Southern Baptists gave \$6.19 per member.

The Sunday Schools now number 836, with an enrollment of 47,672 scholars. Comparing the number of Sunday school scholars with the total membership, we have 83 per cent enrolled in Sunday schools abroad, and 70 per cent enrolled in Sunday schools in our Southern Baptist territory.

The school work has grown wonderfully. Last year the Board had 544 schools of all grades, from kindergarden to Theological Seminary, into which were gathered 18,514 students. These schools serve especially two great ends: They offer a fertile field of direct evangelistic effort and a training ground for development of leaders. In these schools a very large per cent of our converts are made, and of course, from them must come the leaders. It is encouraging to note that in our ten Theological Training schools there were enrolled 345 students.

We can hardly realize the importance of the medical work. We are astonished to know that our fourteen medical missionaries could give 205,098 treatments during 1919, but they did, and preached the Gospel to many a patient under favorable con-

ditions and sent the message into many a home which might have remained closed but for the effective medical missionary.

The Seventy-five Million Campaign has brought a new day to the work of our great board. Our foreign churches were so greatly inspired by the campaign at home that similar campaigns were organized in all our fields and more than a million dollars were pledged on these foreign lands. The blessed encouragement that the success of our campaign has brought to our foreign missionaries who represent us at the front, should give great satisfaction to all who had a worthy share in the campaign at home. It should make us resolve to meet our pledges fully that these dear workers in the far lands may be strengthened in their glorious tasks. Let every church and individual, adopt careful plans for the collection of all pledges and more, that there may be no lack.

Sixty-five new missionaries were appointed this year. A large percentage of these will go to China and Japan.

Thus, the work grew under the favor of God. We see how it expands and we rejoice. Shall we not make His praise even more glorious by pressing forward now in the great day of our great advantage until "the whole earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the sea."

E. W. BARNETT.

### **RULES OF ORDER.**

Rule 1. Every sitting shall be opened and closed with prayer or praise.

Rule 2. Visiting brethren may be invited to seats and debate on any question before the body.

Rule 3. A member desiring to speak or present any matter to the body, shall rise and address "Brother Moderator." He shall confine himself to the matter before the body, cast no reflections on the Associa-

tion nor any member thereof, nor shall he be interrupted while speaking.

Rule 4. When two or more members rise at the same instant, the Moderator shall recognize the one to proceed.

Rule 5. No person shall speak more than once to the same motion without leave of the body, except the mover of the same who shall be allowed five minutes to close the debate. Also pending a motion to table, or when the Association shall have ordered the previous question, the right to the five minute rule shall be observed.

Rule 6. The Moderator may speak to any question under debate. He shall rise from his seat to put questions, but may state them while sitting. He shall decide all points of order, but an appeal may be taken to the whole body.

Rule 7. The Moderator shall vote in all cases as any other member, and in case of a tie the motion shall be considered lost.

Rule 8. The Moderator shall appoint all committees except when otherwise ordered.

Rule 9. Motions containing two or more propositions shall be divided on demand of any member and the vote taken on each separately. Every measure shall be brought before the body by motion and seconded and shall be reduced to writing on the demand of any member.

Rule 10. While a motion is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to commit or amend, to postpone to a time certain, to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in their order.

Rule 11. A motion to adjourn, lay on the table for the previous question, or to reconsider a non-debatable motion, shall be deemed non-debatable questions. A point of order shall be held non-debatable except on an appeal.

Rule 12. On demand for the previous question, the chair shall immediately submit: Shall the main question be now put? which, if decided affirmatively, he shall proceed to take the vote, first on any pending amendments thereto, in their order and then upon the main question.

Rule 13. A motion to reconsider shall take precedence of all motions except to adjourn, but cannot be considered while the Association is engaged in other business. A motion to reconsider having failed, it shall prevent that measure being again considered during that session.

Rule 14. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed inadvisable.

Rule 15. An amendment to an amendment may be received, but shall proceed no further.

Rule 16. Any resolution, motion or proposition, may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, before decision or amendment.

Rule 17. Any two members shall have the right to demand the yeas and nays on any question before the body.

Rule 18. When the body is proceeding under its regular order, all motions, reports or resolutions, when read, shall be considered before the body.

Rule 19. A motion to suspend the Rules, shall be deemed a privileged motion, but no debate will be allowed thereon. A motion to suspend shall state definitely, the object for which they are to be suspended, and a "two-thirds vote" must prevail in order to suspension.

Rule 20. Special Order.—The Association may, by a "two-thirds vote," fix any measure before it, for a special hour. When the hour for the special order shall have arrived, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to immediately suspend any business before the body and take up such special order.

Rule 21. No member shall take final departure without leave of the body.

Rule 22. The officers of the previous Association

shall be ex-officio officers of the body, for the purpose of an organization.

Rule 23. Order of Business.—The order of Business the first day of the session, shall be as follows:

1. Appoint a committee of three on Credentials.
2. Committee on Finance.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Reception of letters petitioning admission in the body.
5. Committee of three on digest of letters.
6. Reception of fraternal correspondence.
7. Recess to hear Introductory Sermon.
8. Unfinished business of previous session.
9. New and miscellaneous business.
10. To appoint the following standing committee to consist of not less than \_\_\_\_\_ members to-wit:

On order of business.

On Ministerial Education and Mississippi College.

On Missions.

On Publications.

On Sunday Schools.

On Queries and Requests.

On Nominations.

Provided as soon as an organization is effected the Moderator shall appoint a committee to arrange preaching during the session.

Rule 24. Parliamentary law shall in all cases govern where these Rules are silent.

Rule 25. These Rules may be suspended, altered or amended at any time by a "two-thirds vote" of the members present.

### Constitution.

We, the undersigned, having been duly appointed delegates by our respective churches, and being now assembled in convention, do solemnly unite in the capacity of an Association and for our direction adopt the following Constitution:

Art. 1. Name and of Whom Composed—This

body shall be known by the name of Harmony Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates only, who are members of the churches they represent.

Art. 2. Terms of Representation—Churches represented in this body shall be entitled to two delegates and an additional one for every twenty-five over fifty members.

Art. 3. Time and Place of Meeting—This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall be previously appointed.

Art. 4. Officers and their Duties—After the report of committee on credentials is read, the Association shall proceed to elect by ballot a Moderator and Clerk, who shall also be ex-officio Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the meetings and do, and discharge all duties imposed on him, as such by the rules of the body. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the body, and keep a regular file of minutes, which he shall transmit to his successor in office. It shall be the duty of the ex-officio Treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the Association or its Board and make a report of the state of the Treasury before the close of each session. There shall also be selected at each annual meeting of the body, one member from each church composing this Association exclusive of the officers; who, with the officers of the body, shall be ex-officers of the Board, shall constitute an Executive Board, five of whom shall form a quorum to conduct the business of the Association during the interim of its meetings. These officers shall continue in office until succeeded by new appointments.

Art. 5. Statistics—It is expected that the churches will send messengers and letters to each annual meeting, giving an account of the state of their respective churches, particularly of the additions and diminutions in the past year, and of whatever relates to their peace and prosperity, together with whole number of members in communion; with

these letters each church shall forward money for printing of the minutes.

Art. 6. Reception of New Churches—Churches wishing to be represented in this union may apply by letter and messengers, and giving satisfactory evidence of being sound in faith and practice, may be received and as token of same, the Moderator, in behalf of the Association, shall extend to their messengers the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Privileges of the Association—Although an associate body, we disclaim any power over the churches, so far as respects an interference with their independence and discipline, yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves the propriety of continuing any church in our connection, which is either heterodox in principle or disorderly in practice. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship from any church without sufficient cause, it is proposed that when complaint is made by any two churches of this body against a church belonging to this Association, if thought expedient, they may appoint a committee who shall request a conference with said church in order to obtain satisfaction on points which form the subject of complaint, and shall report the result to the next meeting of the Association, in order that they may decide as duty shall require.

Art. 8. Neglected Representation—When any church shall neglect making a communication to the Association for two consecutive years, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us and shall be dropped from the minutes, unless two or more members shall request her continuance, and will also engage to inquire into her standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

Art. 9. Of Correspondence—This Association may hold correspondence with such associations, societies or individuals as she shall think proper.

Art. 10. Of the Spread of the Gospel—It shall be the duty of the Association, from time to time, to suggest to the churches what she may think most expedient to be done to promote the spread of the gospel.



# DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS.

Church	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries and Remunerations	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Christian Education	Orphanage	Associational Expenses	Unclassified Objects
Bethel										4 85	
Camden	600 00	20 00		1 45	564 70					5 00	
Carthage	100 00				53 00					2 00	
Cedar Grove	125 00			1 50	27 00					3 50	50 00
Center Hill	100 00	45 00			74 00					2 00	
Cross Roads	400 00	25 00		151 48	809 60			10 00		7 50	
Friendship	50 00				61 30					3 00	
Freeny	200 50			7 50	74 00					2 50	
Good Hope (M)		66 00								3 00	
Good Hope (L)	150 00	50 00								5 00	
ML Carmel	150 00	48 00								5 00	
ML Zion	139 60	6 00	105 00	8 76	87 20					2 50	
Midway	150 00	56 00			352 75					2 85	
New Hope	100 00									3 00	
New Providence											
Pleasant Hill											
Plymouth	52 00				147 00					2 10	
Pleasant Grove	425 00		100 00	5 00			1 35		1 30	1 80	
Rocky Point	120 00			1 05						4 00	
Salem						50	1 50		1 50	3 75	
Stump Bride	214 50	37 70	10 60	4 00						5 00	
Standing Pine	75 00									2 50	
Springfield	75 00	30 00			43 50					3 00	
Tuscola											
Thomastown	300 00	67 50	130 00	27 50	545 00					4 00	
Wake Forest											
Walnut Grove											
Total				\$2875 50		\$2 85	10 00	\$2 80	\$7 85	\$50 00	



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